

SENATE BILL 109

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AN ACT relative to state-owned motor vehicle fleets.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. All state agencies, universities, and community colleges that have state-owned motor vehicle fleets consisting of more than ten (10) motor vehicles shall develop and implement plans to increase the state's use of alternative fuels, synthetic lubricants, and fuel-efficient or low-emission vehicles. Each entity's plan shall have a goal of reducing or displacing at least twenty percent (20%) of the current petroleum products consumed by such entity's motor vehicle fleet by January 1, 2010. All entities shall initiate plan implementation by January 1, 2008. Reductions may be met by displacing the use of petroleum or oils through the use of biodiesel, ethanol, synthetic oils or lubricants, or other alternative fuels; the use of hybrid electric vehicles or other fuel-efficient or low-emission vehicles; or additional methods that reduce harmful emissions as may be approved by the department of general services, thereby reducing the amount of harmful emissions. No plan shall impede mission fulfillment of the entity and every plan shall allow for changes in vehicle usage and total miles driven and provide exceptions for technological or budgetary limitations and emergencies. For purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle licensed for highway use.

SECTION 2. If an entity has, as part of such entity's motor vehicle fleet, motor vehicles that have been modified from the vehicles' original construction for an educational, emergency services, or public safety use or motor vehicles that are used for emergency services or law enforcement purposes, then the entity shall provide for a reduction or displacement of at least ten percent (10%) of the current petroleum products consumed by such motor vehicles in the entity's reduction and displacement plan.

SECTION 3. All state agencies, universities, and community colleges shall submit an analysis of plan implementation by September 1, 2008, and annually thereafter on September 1, to the comptroller of the treasury. The comptroller of the treasury shall compile and forward a report analyzing plan implementation by each entity to the senate environment, conservation, and tourism committee, the house conservation and environment committee, and the senate and house government operations committees by November 1, 2008, and annually thereafter on November 1.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.